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Dear Jerry,

In New York there must be and in Hyattstown there is excitement. Bookazine ordered another thousand WHITEWASH, rush, by phone this afternoon. Good as that it, it is even better for last week they ordered another 500. I shipped some, the trucker promised to have in New York, if possible, Thursday, and the balance I didn't ship until Friday p.m. This should mean they moved their additional 500 awful fast. The books are all printed. Probably 400 of them will go out today and the binding on the balance is to be done tomorrow, when the balance of the order is to be shipped.

They appear to be little short of astounded at the sale of the book. And, unless I misunderstood - and I do not think I did because I asked - it is outselling INQUEST. That - snap - for your competition, Mr. Solotaroff!

The London Sunday Times phoned today to ask @ as though how could it be otherwise (they should only know) - whether the book is scheduled for British publication. Yesterday Cleveland Amery who is writing something on the Kennedy books for Cosmopolitan and saying something about the assassination and Commission books also phoned. He read me what he will say, and it is nice. He even thought to include my address, specifying it was so people could write me. It's a hell of a chore mailing them out, but it does pay. We now have only \$221 to go to pay the printer for the sold-out edition and he went ahead with the new one without any cash.

The Ted White radio show thing is getting firm. The offer is a guarantee of AFTRA minimum and 50% of net for a 39-week series, five days at five minutes. Sounds good.

The telephone also hasn't cooled. Even a poor insane woman who, unless I am romanticizing, seems to be reaching out for help, has called me twice from New York. I got the first 14 pages of a 30 page letter she reported having written today and am waiting for the police to pick it up. It makes several references to "since Dallas" which are probably part of her sickness, but can one take a chance. I didn't know what to do except call the police, and they called the New York police.

The printer, on his own initiative, is estimating the cost of setting in type and hard covering. If we go to press again (and with 20% gone before the book is bound, may we not have to, soon?) he wants to print it. I do, too, if there is time. Dare I do it without professional editing? We have the types noted.

Sincerely,